

COMMENT SUMMARY
SR 10 & SR 15 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PUBLIC WORKSHOP
November 19, 2012

The Department held a public presentation for State Contract T201200802, SR10 & SR15 Intersection Improvements on the evening of November 19, 2012 in the Caesar Rodney High School cafeteria to provide information on the potential safety improvements for the intersection of SR10 (Willow Grove Road) and SR15 (Moose Lodge/Dundee Road). The presentation involved comments from Jim Satterfield, DelDOT Group Engineer & Adam Weiser, DelDOT Safety Engineer, a short documentary about Roundabouts in Delaware followed by a question and answer session.

All attendees were in agreement that something needs to be done at this location to improve safety. The initial input received from attendees as they arrived was against the roundabout option and more in support of the signalization option. Most attendees opposed to the roundabout voiced concerns about 'Jersey Circles' and the traffic calming measures installed on Mifflin Road, which is what most in the area have experienced. The information provided during the presentation informed the attendees of what a roundabout is today and how they cannot be fairly compared to either of these. Following the presentation, after answers were provided to all questions brought to the floor, by a showing of hands the majority of attendees were in favor of the roundabout option.

Upon completion of the presentation attendees were asked to fill out the questionnaire provided and return to the Department, either on site or by mail. It was also noted that a project website would be established and the comment form would be available there for electronic submission. (<http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/SR10-SR15/index.shtml>) In tallying the public input from the DelDOT comment forms received to date, there is an overwhelming preference for the roundabout option. In addition to comments received from presentation attendees, the project team met with many property owners adjacent to the intersection prior to the presentation and these meetings resulted favorably for the roundabout alternative as well.

Furthermore, the numerous safety advantages associated with a roundabout are as follows:

- Roundabouts reduce the potential for angle and rear-end crashes
- Roundabouts reduce the severity of crashes due to lower speeds and a smaller vehicle entry angle
- Roundabouts have less delay for motorists compared to other options, especially during off-peak periods.
- Roundabouts require less overall right-of-way impacts to adjacent property owners
- Roundabouts have lower maintenance costs over time
- Roundabouts are recognized as a proven safety countermeasure by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Roundabout is the more cost effective alternative

Based on these points the Department has chosen to advance the roundabout option as the preferred safety improvement for this location.

Thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any further questions, please contact DelDOT Public Relations at (302) 760-2080 or via email at dot-public-relations@state.de.us.